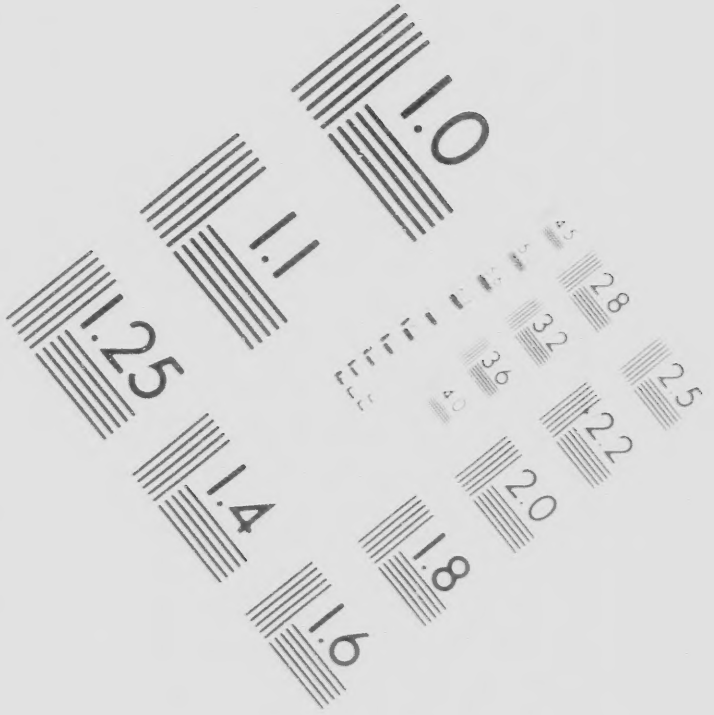
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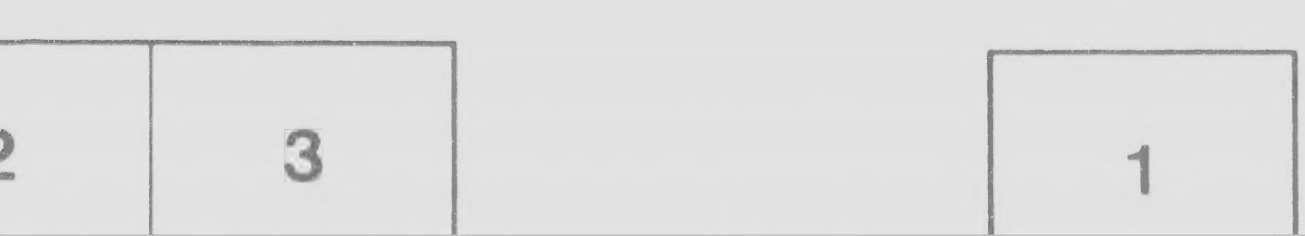

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THAT by the reſolution of the
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ry, to cede the ſame to the United States
That on the 10th of October, 1780,
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as the thirteen original ſtates.
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That by ſuch ceſſions, all the territor
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th of September, 1780, they find it was re-
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for their common benefit.
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ion, New-York had, and in consequence of
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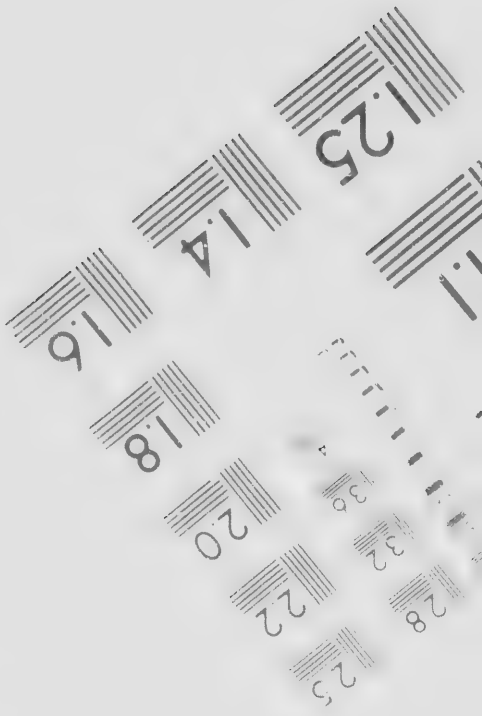

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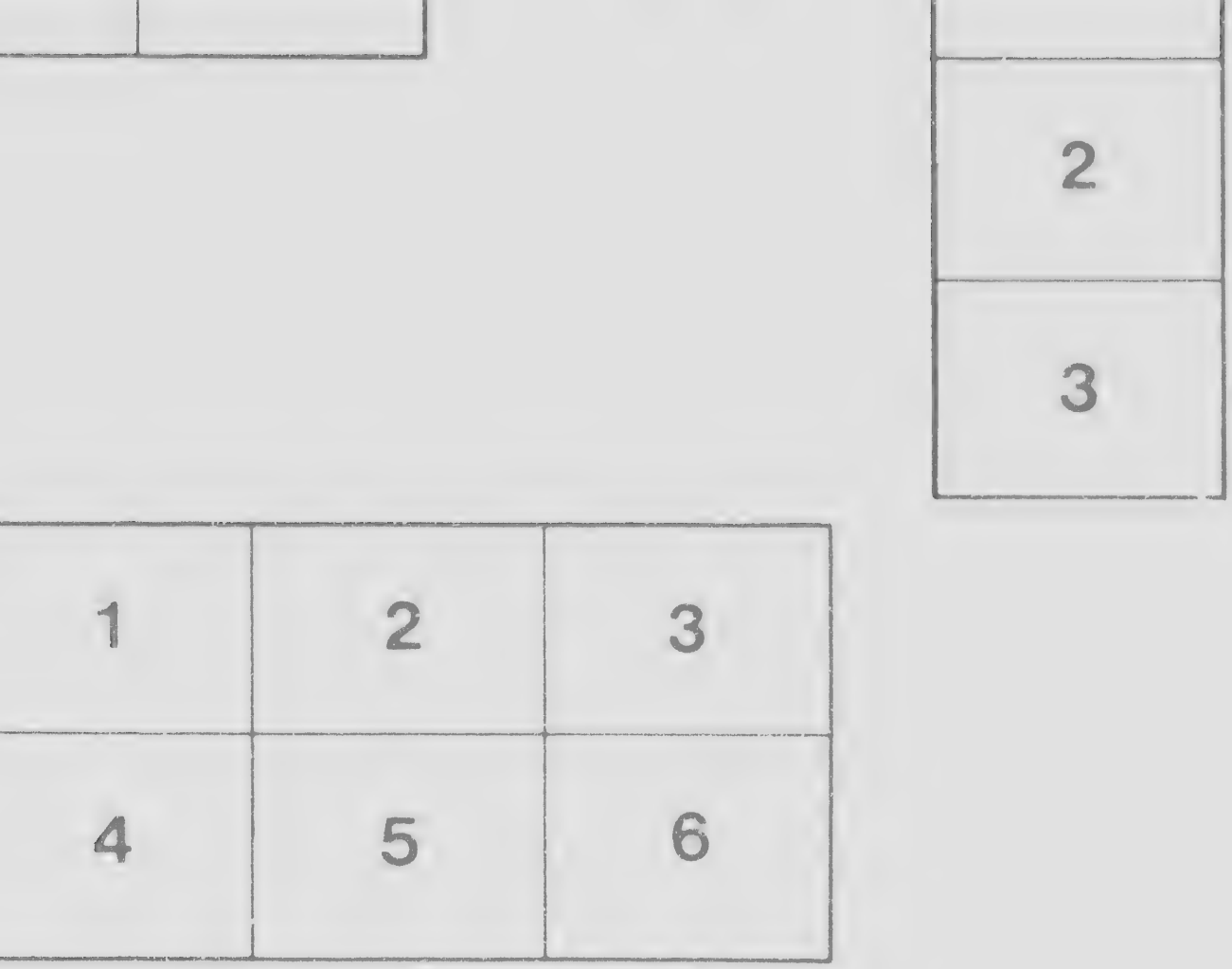
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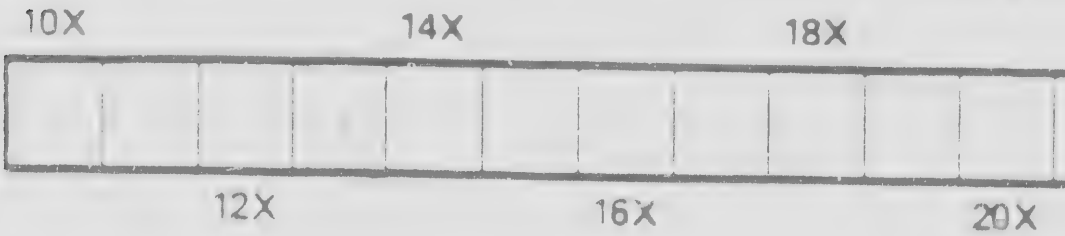

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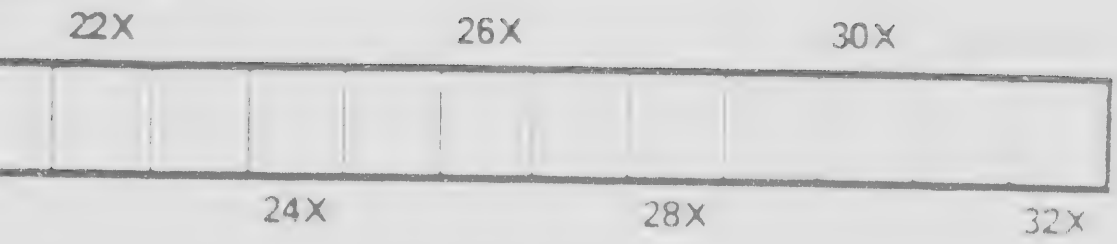

ply to the ſettlers on the territory ceded
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Other conſiderations occur which ſtro
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conſider it as unneceſſary to examine theſe
all the territory within the government
view of thoſe parts which bound upon the
depend upon the weſtern waters, ſepa
traverſe from ſouth to north theſe ſtates,

weſtward of the Ohio, in their diſtance from
thoſe eaſtward of it; and the ſoil, it is pre-
the old ſtates, whoſe laws, conſtitution and
bliſhed and known, will be as valuable, and
e. The committee are therefore of opinion,
upon the principles which have hitherto
ſary.

gly urge the propriety of preventing further
hold this propoſition to be inveriably true,
nilarity of intereſts in the ſtates which com-
the reverſe, that a contrariety of intereſts,
efore form a principal object with the United
m, ſuch diviſion of the territory within their
nilarity of intereſt in every ſtate. A ſimil-
larity in their circumſtances, in their reſpec-
ral relation to other powers. The committee
principles of relation in their application to
of the United States; but from an attentive
atlantic ocean, and thoſe which bound and
ted by a [redacted] ridge of mountains, which
they are led to believe, from purſuing them

in their different directions, that in ſome reſpects a diff
accommodation will be neceſſary to promote thoſe inter
to each. If therefore the United States ſhould admit a ſe
to commit that lying on each ſide to a ſeparate line of
would create ſuch a diverſity of intereſts as would exc
councils, and impede and obſtruct all their operations.

If then the ſeperation above ſuggeſted, will create th
ceſſarily follows, that the preſervation of the ſtates in th
will prevent it ; and this in the opinion of the commi
concern which many of the old ſtates now have in the
tent of territoty within their reſpective juriſdictions dep
in common with thoſe which ſhall be erected beyond the
that ſimilarity in their circumſtances, neceſſary to bind
federacy together by the ſame tie of one common inter
therefore conſider it as a fortunate circumſtance that
and ſhould in no event ſuffer them to be contracted or

In addition to this it is to be obſerved, that in propor
tants that ſuch ceſſions take from the old ſtates, will thei
quiſitions be diminiſhed ; and that the new ſtates, unti
of ſtrength, inſtead of being able to contribute to its ſu
aſſiſtance of the federal government. Why the United
contravene the principles upon which they confederated, t

rent kind of arrangement and
ſts which particularly belong
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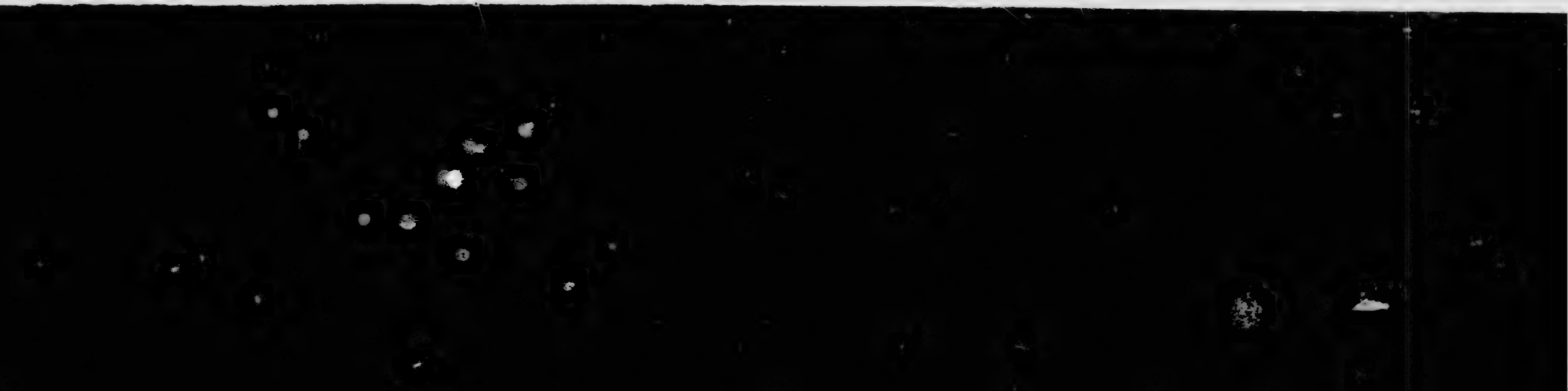

Upon a thorough conſideration therefore of the moti
mittee ſubmit the following reſolution.

Reſolved, That the reſolutions of the 6th September,
recommending it to the ſtates holding vacant and unappr
beral ſurrenders thereof to the United States, for their c
reſpect the juriſdiction of the ſame, be repealed ; and th
ſtates thus circumſtanced, to make liberal ſurrenders as af
to themſelves the right of juriſdiction.

n referred to them, the com-

and 10th of October, 1780,
priated territory, to make li-
mmon benefit, so far as they
t it be recommended to the
resaid, of soil only, retaining